

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark J. Murphy on December 23, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 4, amend "a below" to --below--.

In claim 1, line 9, amend "the below" to --below--.

In claim 2, line 4, amend "a below" to --below--.

In claim 2, line 9, amend "the below" to --below--.

In claim 3, line 4, amend "a below" to --below--.

In claim 3, line 10, amend "the below" to --below--.

2. Amendments were made for grammatical purposes.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments on pg. 8-9 filed 9/25/2009 are convincing.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jimmy Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-8902. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8AM - 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Meeks can be reached on 571-272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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